

World War II, 1939–1941

September 1939: Germany invades Poland.

April 1940: Hitler launches blitzkrieg against Norway and Denmark.

May 1940: British rescue troops at Dunkirk.

June 1940: France falls to Germany.

September 1940: Mussolini orders forces into Egypt.

October 1940: Italian forces invade Greece.

June 1941: Germans end air attacks on Britain.

June 1941: Germany invades Soviet Union.

September 1941: Siege of Leningrad begins.

December 1941: Japan attacks Pearl Harbor.